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ABSTRACT

This book looks at the privatization of education as an ideological construct. In exploring and assessing the concept of privatized education, it focuses on the debate over private choice and school vouchers. It also looks at the development of private curriculums and educational materials created by corporations, various scholarship-funding organizations that directly affect vouchers and choice, and faith-based organizations. The book also contains a directory of organizations and public policy institutions, lists of print and nonprint resources, and contact information for corporations and organizations involved in the privatization of schools and organizations opposed to privatization. Chapter titles reflect the book's content: (1) "Introduction"; (2) "Chronology"; (3) "Privatization and School Choice"; (4) "The Privatization of Education: Arguments and Controversies"; (5) "Vouchers and the Law: Drawing Conclusions from Research"; (6) "Private Scholarships and Faith-Based Charitable Contributions"; (7) "From Learning Centers to Earning Centers?"; (8) "Managing Public Schools for Profit: The Rise of the Educational Management Organization"; (9) "Epilogue"; (10) "Selected Print and Nonprint Resources"; (11) "Directory of Organizations, Associations, and Government Agencies." Most chapters contain endnotes and a summary or conclusion. (WFA)

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